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## ***MP BEVINGTON AND NDP APPALLED WITH CANADA'S VOTE AGAINST U.N. DECLARATION***

### ***Calls vote against Aboriginal Rights a 'Sell-out' of Canadian values***

***British Columbia – NDP Northern Development Critic Dennis Bevington (Western Arctic) is disgusted with Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl and Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier for instructing officials to vote against the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in New York today.***

***"I condemn the Conservatives and their continued lack of respect for the Original People of this great country. Their actions at the UN demonstrates a complete sell-out to multi-national businesses who want unfettered access to aboriginal lands and resources around the world," said Bevington from Vancouver.***

***"This declaration outlines the minimum human rights standards necessary for the dignity, survival and well-being of the world's indigenous peoples," said Bevington. "Ministers Strahl and Bernier should be ashamed of themselves."***

***On July 10, 2007, Bevington and NDP MPs Jean Crowder (Nanaimo-Cowichan) and Alexa McDonough (Halifax) signed a copy of the declaration during the Assembly of First Nations meeting in Halifax.***

***NDP Aboriginal Affairs Critic Jean Crowder is demanding the ministers apologize and Canada ratify the convention immediately.***

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